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**MIAMI BEACH VICE MAYOR MATTI HERRERA BOWER TO BE
HONORED BY THE CHILDREN'S TRUST AT THE "CHAMPIONS FOR
CHILDREN AWARDS CEREMONY"**

(Miami Beach, FL) - September 15, 2005 - Miami Beach Vice Mayor Matti Herrera Bower has been selected by the Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County to receive the first annual "Excellence Award in Public Policy" for effectively championing children's causes through dedicated public service.

Vice Mayor Bower is well known for her belief that "the children's priorities are always first." Matti, a dynamic community activist, devoted child advocate, active supporter of PTA's and strong defender of abused and neglected children, is always fighting to obtain safety, equal access, rights and opportunities for all children. One of her colleagues recently expressed: "Matti is not about 'I want or I need'; she is about 'how do we get this done?' "

The Champions for Children Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 11TH, 2005 at the Parrot Jungle Island, Treetop Ballroom, 1111 Macarthur Causeway, Miami, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
